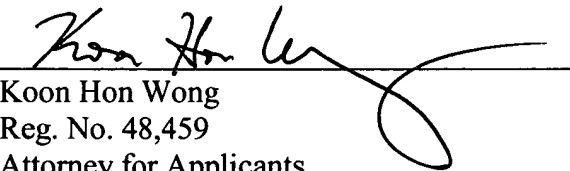


REMARKS

The above amendment is made in response to the Advisory Action mailed August 27, 2004. Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 26-34 have been allowed. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled by the above amendment; thus, only allowed claims 26-34 remain.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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